

## PHIL40016 The Ethics of Sex

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.50
<b>Level:</b>	4 (Undergraduate)
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, Parkville - Taught on campus.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: One 2 hour seminar per week Total Time Commitment: An average of 10 hours per week
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Admission to the Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Ethics or MA in Professional and Applied Ethics, or to fourth year honours or a postgraduate diploma in Philosophy or permission from the subject coordinator.
<b>Corequisites:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	Knowledge gained in a 3 year undergraduate degree
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	For the purposes of considering requests for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website : <a href="http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/">http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/</a>
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<b>Subject Overview:</b>	The subject explores the nature and moral significance of sex and the central issues in sexual morality. In the first part we look into the main conceptions of human sexuality: the traditional view of sex as meant for procreation, the 'romantic' view of sex as bound up with love, the understanding of sex as a body language, and the hedonist or 'plain sex' view. In the second part we discuss monogamy, adultery, prostitution, homosexuality, sexual harassment, and rape
<b>Objectives:</b>	Students who successfully complete this subject will # have developed an understanding of the major philosophical theories of sexual morality # be able to apply this understanding in providing a critique of social norms and policy governing sexual behaviour
<b>Assessment:</b>	One essay of 5,000 words due at the end of semester (100%).
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	Ethics and Sex (Igor Primoratz) London and New York: Routledge, 1999
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	Jones & Bartlett, 1995
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	<p>Students who successfully complete this subject will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># have improved their ability to integrate abstract moral and conceptual considerations with relevant empirical data</li> <li># have refined the skills necessary for original research by developing the capacity to think rigorously, imaginatively and critically about abstract topics</li> <li># have refined the skills required for written communication of research</li> <li># have strengthened their ability to comprehend and evaluate complex argumentative texts</li> </ul>
<b>Links to further information:</b>	<a href="http://www.philosophy.unimelb.edu.au/cappe/">http://www.philosophy.unimelb.edu.au/cappe/</a>
<b>Related Course(s):</b>	<p>Master of Arts (Professional and Applied Ethics)</p> <p>Postgraduate Certificate in Professional Ethics</p> <p>Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Ethics</p>
<b>Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:</b>	<p>Philosophy</p> <p>Philosophy</p> <p>Philosophy</p> <p>Social Theory</p>